

Who was Evelyn Thomas?

Evelyn Thomas was a woman who spent her entire life in Foxborough, graduating from Foxborough High School in 1929. She was an educated woman, getting degrees from Cushing Academy and Brown University. She worked as a statistician at the Foxboro Company retiring, in 1977.

Evelyn contributed to Foxborough in many ways. She belonged to Bethany Church and was active in the Women's Union and Monday Night Club. As a young girl she was a Girl Scout and she continued her involvement as an adult. She became a leader and co-director of the former Rocky Knoll Girl Scout Camp in Foxborough.

Also, she was very interested in the history of Foxborough and New England and was a member of our Society. In addition, her husband, Edward, and she were covered bridge enthusiasts and were involved in their restorations throughout New England.

Finally, as a result of her interest, she left to the Historical Society a sum of money which led to this award.



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EVELYN THOMAS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Foxborough Historical Society

is pleased to offer the Evelyn Thomas Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a college student on completion of his/her freshman year and pursuing a program with an emphasis in history.

Who can apply?

1. You must be a Foxboro resident.
2. You must be enrolled in an accredited college.
3. You must have successfully finished your freshman year.
4. Finally, you must be, or plan to be, a history major or minor, or have a significant number of history courses.

What is the criteria used to select the successful candidate?

1. The winner must have shown interest in the field of history;
2. Has done well academically in college;
3. Has been involved in Historical activities in the schools or the community; and
4. Has a financial need.

What is the scholarship worth?

The amount of the award will be \$1000 a year for three years. The student applies once at the end of the freshman year. Then, the student asks for a renewal by sending a letter, his/her grades and proof of enrollment in order to receive the second and third \$1000. Thus the award is worth up to \$3000. There are no restrictions on how the money is to be spent, but we hope it will be used for college expenses.

One other benefit is that the student becomes an honorary member of the Foxborough Historical Society for the duration of the award.



Former president, Deb Flattery, presenting a check to the first winner, Andrea Evans

How do you apply?

You can get an application by writing to the:

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P.O. Box 450
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And asking for an application.

The Boyden Library and Town Hall will also have applications available after April 15th

This should be filled out and returned to the Board of Directors at the above address. The deadline for the Board to receive the application is July 15th.

If you have any questions, you may contact:

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